



**Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation**  
550 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20429

Division of Supervision

### Special Alert

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TO: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
SUBJECT: Counterfeit Cashier's Checks

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) has learned that counterfeit cashier's checks drawn on Security Bank, Brandon, South Dakota, are in circulation. Copies of two counterfeit instruments and a copy of the bank's legitimate cashier's check are attached for your information. The first items received by the bank were negotiated in California.

On the bank's legitimate checks, the bank's name and logo appear in the top center, and the bank's three offices are identified immediately underneath. The caption "THIS DOCUMENT HAS A MICRO-PRINT SIGNATURE LINE, SIMULATED WATERMARK, AND CHLOROSTAIN PAPER. ABSENCE OF THESE FEATURES WILL INDICATE A COPY" appears below the line for the amount of the item. The bank uses a check protector to print the amount. A vertical silver bar is located on the left side of the check.

On the counterfeit checks, the name "Security Servicing Corp" appears in the upper right corner. Security Bank's Brandon, South Dakota, branch location is the only office listed on the items. The account number is the same as the bank's cashier's check account number. The caption "THIS DOCUMENT HAS A COLORED BACKGROUND & MICROPRINTING. THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS DOCUMENT HAS AN ARTIFICIAL WATERMARK" is printed in a dark border across the top of the checks. The counterfeit items appear to have been printed with a laser printer.

Any information you have concerning this matter should be brought to the attention of:

Ms. Gina C. Fischer  
Compliance Officer  
Security Bank  
100 N. Phillips Avenue  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57104-6725  
Telephone (605) 338-3310  
Fax (605) 373-3195

Information concerning these instruments also may be forwarded to the FDIC's Special Activities Section, 550 17th Street, NW, Room F-6012, Washington, DC 20429. All FDIC financial institution letters published since January 1, 1995, may be found on FDIC's Web site, [www.fdic.gov](http://www.fdic.gov) under the "Banking News" category.

James L. Sexton  
Director

Attachments: (Electronic versions are not available.)

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